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Please amend the Abstract as follows:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

~~A performance data editing system is actualized by a computer system (or electronic musical instrument) which is equipped with a display and a mouse. The system initially provides~~ The present invention is directed to a system and method for providing a score window containing various types of execution icon layers onto which execution icons ~~(representing musical symbols such as bend up/down, grace up/down, dynamics, glissando, tremolo)~~ are attached and arranged in conformity with a progression of a musical tune on a screen of the display. IN accordance with the preferred embodiment, each layer ~~Each of the layers~~ is ~~independently~~ controlled in response to various display commands ~~such as display on, small-scale display, display off and vertical rearrangement~~. The system allows a user ~~(or music editor)~~ to select desired execution icons from an icon select palette that provides lists of execution icons which are registered in advance. Specifically, the user may select and "drag" an execution icon from the palette and place it at a position in correspondence with a particular point of progression of the music to be edited, causing the editing function corresponding to the execution icon to be effected at the point of progression of the musical piece. In accordance with the preferred embodiment, the execution icons are displayed by categories in accordance with a category display layer, which may be controlled to be displayed or not displayed in the editing screen. ~~In addition, the system also allows the user to modify parameters of a specific icon which is selected from among the execution icons attached onto the score window. That is, the user opens an icon modify window to change parameters of the specific icon with the mouse. Further, the system provides the user with a simple operation for deletion of execution-related data from~~

performance data. That is, when the user performs drag and drop operations on a certain execution icon to move it outside of a prescribed display area (e.g., layer window) of the score window, the system automatically deletes the corresponding execution related data from the performance data. Thus, it is possible to improve performability and efficiency in editing performance data by using icons with simple operations and without errors.

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